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EVALUATION OF CONTENT

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1. The Yugoslav People's Militia is the executive organ of the administrative authorities. The People's Militia of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia is subdivided into Regional, District, and Community units. The present head of the People's Militia is Colonel Nikola Bozanich whose headquarters is in Belgrade.
2. Militia units are patterned after infantry squads, companies, and battalions which are assigned respectively to villages, districts, and regions.
3. The militia is armed with light infantry weapons of German and Italian origin and fifty rounds of ammunition per gun. Each squad has two automatic rifles. There are no heavy weapons. A mounted militia is planned for the larger cities with units as large as cavalry troops. Clothing and equipment are not yet standardized. Village militia are in civilian clothes and district and regional troops wear miscellaneous uniforms. The Belgrade unit was recently issued new uniforms, and in time all the militia will be uniformed. Shoes are badly needed. Village militia wear "Opanke" (Serb peasant type shoe) and have been seen barefooted in summer.
4. There is a militia training school in Belgrade which trains troops for the district and regional units. In the villages the militia is commanded by former partisan fighters.
5. The militia draws military pay but it is not known in what amounts.
6. The regime is placing very little confidence in the village militia, since there are very few people in the smaller communities who are regarded as reliable. They have, therefore, received no automatic weapons and ammunition is distributed in minimal quantities.

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